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by Porter. Want definite information. Also wire to what extent ingress is proposed to be prevented by Health Officer Porter.

WYMAN,
Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

To PASSED ASSISTANT SURGEON WHITE, *Key West, Fla.*

KEY WEST, FLA., *July 20, 1896.*

SIR: Twenty-nine cases, 7 deaths to date; 2 new cases during the last three days; house-to-house inspection not done; vaccinating rapidly as peculiarities of Latin population permit; camp outfitted by State before my arrival, as Dr. Guitéras had already turned over tents. Camp was intended for use of both sick and suspects, holding the hospital, which will be finished this week, in reserve. Dr. Porter does not wish us to interfere, so far as internal control goes, until State funds are exhausted; city not enforcing removals; Dr. Porter proposed cordon to protect other points; official laymen undertake to handle 14 separate premises, while there are many desquamating, and isolation well nigh impossible, wishing the camp left unused and demanding maintenance of practically 14 pesthouses in the densest part of the town. Dr. Porter had disease well in grasp, but this change spoils all. He and I agree that treatment in city is dangerously costly—not good on any grounds—while cheap and safe at camp. In event of cordon desired to limit ingress to effectual vaccinations, I wish to emphasize danger of leaving cases in situ.

I inspected "Keys" to-day for suspects, but found no cases.

WHITE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Shreveport, La.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *July 16, 1896.*

SIR: I have to report another case of variola discovered to-day, a colored female resident of this city. This makes the record as follows: Total cases to date, 58, of which 6 were white, and 52 colored. Total number of deaths (all colored), 11; all in pesthouse. Of the total cases, 51 were local—5 white and 46 were colored; and 1 white and 6 colored cases were imported, as follows: New Orleans, 3; this (Caddo) parish, 2; Bossier Parish (separated from Caddo by Red River), 1; Baton Rouge, 1, white; others colored. Of the above number, 52 colored and 1 white were treated in pesthouse; 5 (all white) were treated in their homes in this city. Discharged, 44; white, 6; colored, 38; under treatment, 3; all in pesthouse.

The above data were furnished me by Dr. J. F. O'Leary, city physician.

I am, sir, very respectfully, A. R. BOOTH,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Two cases of smallpox in Mobile County, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., *July 9, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the occurrence of a case of smallpox at Magazine Point, in this county, in the person of Mollie Parker, colored female, aged 30. The case was discovered on the 5th instant and was immediately sent to the pesthouse. The house was fumigated as soon as possible and all the colored people in the vicinity subjected